

Pine Street South "Steps Out" Once More

Refinement and Simplicity are the Features of the New Sky Building

Simplicity of Line and Directness of Purpose Shown in Newest Addition to Business Section on Pine Street South. Many Modern Features Embodied in Construction.

The impression of a building can be lawdry and pretentious or refined and sincere. It can express optimism or pessimism as to the future, sincere thoroughness or superficial expediency. There can be no doubt in the mind of even the most untutored observer, that only too many buildings in the Porcupine Camp have been erected with the latter thought in mind. These buildings have managed to survive long past their proper lifetime, and they stand to-day as a reproach to every citizen with an eye for beauty.

When one compares the design of the public and commercial buildings which have been erected within recent years with that of buildings erected twenty years ago in this camp, there is room for real optimism.

The building of to-day has a simplicity of line, a directness of purpose, an efficiency adapted to its requirements that one looks for in vain in the older type of building.

A fine example of this modern spirit of architecture is the new Sky Building in Timmins. The horizontal lines, emphasized by the broad plate glass windows, give a feeling of quiet dignity which is in keeping with the functional character of the building. The materials employed in its construction, from the reinforcing steel in the concrete footings, to the metal capping on the parapet walls are all genuine materials tried and tested by time for the particular function which they play in the building. No material in the building pretends to be other than what it is.

The basement of the building, occupied by Stevens' Amusements holds 17 billiard tables. Ventilation of this space is accomplished by direct work run along the ceiling, up through the building to the penthouse where an exhaust fan expels the cigarette smoke and foul air of the billiard room to the open air.

The Robert Simpson Co., Suther-

land's Drug Store, and the Metropolitan Stores occupy the ground floor of the building. The extension of the Metropolitan Stores from the adjoining building into the new building involved a rather unusual engineering problem. It necessitates the removal of 114 feet of masonry wall and the underpinning of the upper structure on steel beams and columns—a difficult task that was executed with great efficiency.

The second floor of the building is devoted to offices. A feature of this floor is the hygienic, spacious public lavatory facilities. Walls and floors of these rooms are finished in ceramic tile, and built-in shower compartments form part of the lavatory accommodation.

The top floor is devoted to apartments varying in size from bachelor suites to four-room suites. In keeping with the modern trend is the elimination of the "cell" plan. Combined bed-sitting rooms, wide arches, omission of partitions between kitchens and dinettes, all tend to give a feeling of spaciousness most unusual in a small apartment. Metal cabinet sinks, built-in bath tubs, medicine cabinets, ironing boards; spacious cupboards and closets make for comfort and convenience. Storage space for each apartment is provided in the penthouse.

Structurally, the building is carried on a steel skeleton, supported in turn on a reinforced concrete foundation. All walls and roofs are insulated with rock wool. Walls are constructed of brick, tile and concrete block. The building was designed and construction supervised by B. Kaminker, architect.

The Sky Building is a token of optimism in the future of the North—a belief in its security, its permanence and its ever growing importance. It is hoped that the future builders of the Porcupine will continue to follow the more recent examples of architecture, and that they will make the town no longer

er a "mining town" but a city of fine buildings.

In Timmins are all the highly skilled artisans necessary for the erection of sound and well-designed buildings—architects, contractors, plumbers, plasterers, bricklayers and tilesetters—all masters of their own trades.

Eighty per cent. of Pupils Said to Have Dental Defects

Halleybury, Nov. 10.—(Special to The Advance)—Approximately 80 per cent. of the pupils who were examined during a dental survey at the public and separate schools here are in need of some attention to their teeth, it is reported following examination of the mouths of 407 children by Drs. J. C. A. Crawford and W. R. Somerville. Miss Sarah Wallace, public health nurse, who assisted, and who has been stationed here since September, 1937, is leaving this week to take a position with the Department of Health at Hamilton, where she was a relieving nurse

before coming north 14 months ago.

The report does not show how many children already have had their 6-year molars, which are permanent teeth, extracted. Figures for the public school disclose that of 248 pupils inspected, only 44 were found to have their teeth in good condition, with five others needing only cleaning or repulping. The other 199 should have some attention given to their teeth. At the separate school, 159 children were examined. Of these, the teeth of 125 require attention, according to the report submitted, with 29 having good teeth and five other pupils needing cleaning or regulating of their teeth.

LATEST ADDITION TO HANDSOME NEW BUILDINGS IN TIMMINS



Above is shown a view of the handsome new Sky Block one of the most substantial and modern buildings in Timmins, where all the trend is to the best in permanent and fireproof structures. The official opening of the new

block is being observed this week. Elsewhere in this issue will be found a full description of this modern store and apartment structure, and the business firms installed in its handsome quarters. Advance Photo and Engraving

Smart New Drug Store Opened in Sky Block

Attractive New Drug Store Started by Bert Sutherland. Designed on Simple but Pleasing Lines. Latest in Standard Wall Fixtures and Indirect Lighting Feature This New Store.

Finished in pearl grey lacquer, trimmed in navy blue and black, the new drug store operated by Bert Sutherland in the Sky Block, is a masterpiece of modern designing on the new simple lines. Standard wall fixtures and adjustable shelves are flattering in the interior decorations as is the indirect system of lighting.

A special tobacco section and magazine rack are situated at the front of the store, where the business man on his way home from work can readily find his favourite magazine and smoke. The modern woman will be especially delighted with the display units that are cut into each corner of the counters, and she will marvel at the "sleekness" of four special display units, fashioned into the walls. These display units have indirect lighting that will readily show the articles on display, but will not send a glaring light into other parts of the store.

The modern open type dispensary is especially worthy of mention. Carrying out the pearl grey and navy blue color scheme, the open effect will guarantee the product, as the customer can see the materials ranged on the beautifully designed and finished shelves. Every detail has been carefully arranged and completed, and the inner finish of masonry and plywood, gives a bright

and cheery effect to every section of the drug store.

The interior decorations of Bert Sutherland's drug store have been designed and finished by Don Cameron and Co. of Toronto, who have had many years of experience in this line of work. Bert Sutherland, who conducts the store, is a very popular citizen of the town. Mr. Sutherland was for five years manager of the Goldfields' Drug Store, and before that time had been employed in several other important capacities, being a member of the staff of the G. Tamelyn Drugs, Toronto, for three years.

One of his most frequent duties was the opening of several drug stores for firms. Mr. Sutherland would arrange for the opening of the store, laying in the desired products, and would look after the business for the first few months. When everything was working smoothly, he would tackle another job of the same type, and this experience can easily be seen in the cutaway of his present business.

Mr. Sutherland was educated at Barrie, Ontario, and graduated from the Ontario College of Pharmacy in Toronto. He has a wide knowledge of every detail of pharmacy, and will be able to fulfill the desires of the most demanding customer.

Ontario Squad Formed To Suppress Lawlessness

Toronto, Nov. 9.—Hon. G. D. Conant, attorney-general of Ontario, this week announced formation of a special squad of provincial police constables to be available in case of any repetition of last Friday's disturbances in Port Arthur where jobless took possession of the city hall.

"We won't tolerate any repetition of such lawlessness as occurred there last Friday," Mr. Conant said. "We will suppress and prosecute such lawlessness no matter what force of police is

necessary."

Six special men were sent to Port Arthur Saturday and another squad is being held here in readiness in the event further trouble develops, the attorney-general said. The constables will travel by airplane if necessary.

All but two of a force of provincial police sent to Port Colborne two weeks ago during a shoe factory strike had been recalled, the minister added. "We are leaving two officers there only because Humberstone (Port Colborne suburb) has no municipal police," he said.

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Lawyers Will Think This A Devil of a Joke, Perhaps

(St. Mary's Journal-Argus)
It seems that St. Peter and Satan were having an argument over the boundary fence between their respective domains. Both claimed the other had moved it. Finally St. Peter lost his temper. "See here," he said, "I've tried to be fair about this, but I've had enough; I'm going to sue you." The devil burst out laughing. "You can't sue me," he said. "Why not?" glowered the keeper of heaven's gates. "Where will you get a lawyer?"

Barney Sky Expresses His Thanks

I confess to being proud of the new Sky Block and the service and satisfaction it will give to Timmins. But there is a feeling stronger than that fair pride and that is the appreciation, the gratitude, felt to so many in so many places for the kindly co-operation and the generous interest shown as the building progressed to completion.

Particularly am I grateful to the good neighbours on the street who so good-humourously bore the annoyance and inconvenience caused by building operations near them, and who now that the structure is completed express pleasing pride in their new neighbour.

To the new tenants who have been patient and kindly there is also my measure of thanks.

To the police, the public works department and other branches of the town service, I am also thankful for kindly co-operation.

To the architect, the engineer, the contractors, the artisans and workmen, I thank you all!

To the general public for their interest I am grateful, too.

Everybody seemed kind and friendly, and so I say to all, very sincerely, "I thank you all!"

BARNEY SKY.

Pine Street South Now Attractive Shop Section

Block on Pine North from Third to Fourth Often Called the Wall Street of Timmins. Now From Third to Second Might be Termed the "Mayfair" of the Town.

Often in the past few years reference has been made to the block on Pine street between Third and Fourth avenues as "the Wall Street of Timmins" because of the number of banks, insurance companies, brokerage offices and other financial institutions housed in imposing permanent structures in the block. With the fine new Sky building on Pine street south the block between Third and Second avenues might now be called "the Mayfair" of Timmins. Now on the west side of the street there is a continuous row of brick or other modern and permanent fronts from Third to Second. At the corner of Pine and Third there is the solid and imposing three-storey Reed block, the first brick building to be erected in the business section of Timmins, and since enlarged and modernized. At Second avenue there is the handsome Barlessons block in which is located the Friedman Department Stores and other modern stores. In between, there is a row of smart modern fronts. The new Sky building completes the happy picture, its smart modern front and its well-designed in-

terior giving the block the touch of modern perfection that was needed.

No doubt the owners of the Sky building are proud of their achievement and the tenants pleased with their location and their modern premises. This pride and pleasure, however, is shared by the business places that are neighbours to the fine Sky building. In modern and well-equipped premises themselves, these stores feel that the Sky building is just the handsome edifice needed to complete the block. Some of this feeling is expressed in this section of The Advance.

It is interesting to note that two of the neighbours of the new Sky building are pioneer merchants of the Porcupine area. These are the Vogue Shoe Store (A. Sathany) and Sky's Specialty Shop (Sol Sky). Long service here has held the public confidence and modern methods and up-to-date appointments have attracted new friends.

Another of the "neighbours" of the new building—Friedman's Department Stores—has just recently enlarged its premises to extend its service to the buying public.

Enlarged Quarters for the Metropolitan Stores

Several New Departments Added, Including Groceries and Delicatessen. New Fixtures and Up to date Lighting Effects. Increasing Business Required Enlarged Premises.

Modern mahogany-finish counters, new wall panels, up-to-date lighting fixtures with the daylight globe, a cream and mahogany colour scheme complete the new premises of the Metropolitan Stores in the Sky Block. For the convenience of the shoppers, and especially for the women who like to ask the advice of their friends in choosing an article, the aisles have been made wider, and in the groceries and delicatessen departments, special display units of the most modern type have been used to simplify shopping. The front of the store presents a very pleasing view, finished as it is in black vitrolite, with chrome stripping, and the windows trimmed in monel metal. Ultra modern is the flame lettering, proclaiming the name "Metropolitan Stores" to the shoppers out-of-doors. Every detail of the finish is ultra modern, and the appearance and arrangement of the store make it a delightful place for the busy woman to do her shopping.

The Metropolitan Stores were established in Timmins in October, 1935, one in a chain of sixty-two stores in Canada. They are an entirely Canadian firm, who have three branches in Northern Ontario, one in Sudbury, one in Kirkland Lake, and the beautiful new store in Timmins.

The store is divided into a number of departments, making a simple task of finding the required article. Several

new departments have been added, following being a list of the entire sections: millinery; footwear; domestics; ladies' and misses' gloves; lingerie; infants' wear; neckwear and accessories; towels and washcloths; pillow; curtains and curtain goods; ladies-dresses and smocks; art goods; stationery; toilet goods; pet department; electric; records; lamps and lamp shades; candy; fall and winter knit goods; hosiery; handkerchiefs; men's and boys'; optical goods; notions; hardware; luggage and leather goods; food products; fruit concession; crockery and china; jewelry; tin; enamel; aluminum; glassware; toys; pictures; woodenware; novelties; and souvenirs.

Mr. C. D. Nolan, manager of the store, has a wide knowledge of the work, having been employed with the Metropolitan Stores for the past nine years. He came to Timmins six months ago, to take charge of the branch here, after having been employed at Yorkton, Saskatchewan, Fort William, Winnipeg and Toronto, and learning to understand the needs of his customers.

Mr. Nolan is assisted by Mr. Edward Killian as assistant manager, and Mr. Robert Hallam, manager of the stock room, assisted by Mr. Frank Banks. A staff of thirty-five employees is ready and willing to assist the customer at all times, and every department carries an entire stock of goods.

ONTARIO'S YOUNGEST BRIDE AND GROOM



One of the youngest marriages to be registered in Ontario is the marriage of Donald Hewitt, 17-year-old mattress maker and Dolly Humphrey, 14, who were wed in Bothwell recently. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Humphrey, parents of the bride consented to the marriage.



Regasborne Alice Alcarta, new holder of four world's championship milk and butterfat production records, was toasted in milk by Mrs. Harry Nixon, wife of the secretary of Ontario, when Alice was paraded before 200 farmers and an impressive array of provincial legislators at Troy, Ont. Champion Alice is owned by Osborne Sager, young Troy farmer and a graduate of O. A. C.